

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending in the application.

The Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider earlier rejections in light of the following remarks. No new issues are raised nor is further search required as a result of the changes made herein. Entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-31 over Alam in view of Huang

In the Office Action, claims 1-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,324,544 to Alam et al. ("Alam") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,553,375 to Huang et al. ("Huang"). The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claims 1-20 recite a system and method of synchronization that is **automatically** initiated between a personal data assistant and a host by the personal data assistant executing a synchronization instruction, the personal data assistant and the host device being wirelessly connected. Claims 21-31 recite a system and method establishing wireless communications between a personal data assistant and a remote computer and **automatically** synchronizing data between the personal data assistant and the remote computer.

The Office Action acknowledged that Alam fails to disclose synchronization that is initiated between a remote device and a host device by the remote device executing a synchronization instruction (See Office Action, page 3). The Office Action relies on Huang to allegedly make up for the deficiencies in Alam to arrive at the claimed features.

Huang appears to disclose a server based handheld application management system (See col. 4, lines 13-15). A client requests an application download that is performed while the requesting client remains connected to a network (See Huang, col. 4, lines 25-28). The handheld device connects to the server through the Internet, a local area network or a serial port connection (See Huang, col. 4, lines 28-33).

Huang is directed to a handheld device that connects to a server through a wired connection, i.e., though the internet, a LAN or a serial port

connection. Huang fails to disclose or suggest solutions for a wireless device, much less a personal data assistant that wirelessly connects to a host and a remote computer. Thus, Huang fails to disclose wireless synchronization between a personal data assistant, a host and a remote computer, as recited by claims 1-31.

Moreover, The Office Action acknowledges that Huang discloses a system that begins synchronization by allowing a client to request synchronization (See Office Action, page 3). Huang fails to disclose or suggest automatic synchronization between a personal data assistant, a host and a remote computer that are wirelessly connected, as recited by claims 1-20.

Therefore, even if it were obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Alam with the disclosure of Huang (which it is not), the theoretical combination would at best theoretically result in a system and method allowing a client to request synchronization NOT automatic synchronization, much less automatic synchronization between a personal data assistant, a host and a remote computer that are wirelessly connected, as recited by claims 1-20.

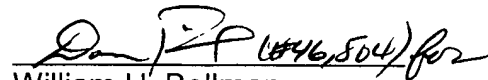
A benefit of automatic synchronization between a personal data assistant, a host and a remote computer that are wirelessly connected is, e.g., eliminating possible data loss. Conventionally, the need for synchronization cannot be determined until the remote device and the host device are physically connected to each other. Once physically connected together, a synchronization application is executed to synchronize data between the personal data assistant and the host device. However, by relying on a physical connection to initiate synchronization, a user simply forgetting to connect a personal data assistant to a host device, e.g., forgetting to place a personal data assistant in a cradle, opens up the possibility for valuable information to be lost. By automatically synchronizing data between a personal data assistant wirelessly connected to a host device and a remote computer, the possibility of data loss is eliminated. The cited prior art fails to disclose or suggest the claimed features having such benefits.

Accordingly, for at least all the above reasons, claims 1-31 are patentable over the prior art of record. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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